Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—For further exploration of areas, Rs. 2·5 lakhs has been provided in the Second Five-Year Plan.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Now, for opening out mines, how much is provided this year ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I want notice for that.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Since what time the Government is working there to know the possibility of starting an industry ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It must be for the past few years and investigations do take time.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know why you are taking so much of time to know whether an industry could be started or whether the ore is useful or not, or to find out whether proper quantum of ore is available or not ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There are so many reasons that contribute for the delay. But it is the Government's intention to see that as early as possible the natural resources of the country are exploited to the best interests of the country.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—May I know whether ore bodies are found on the surface concentrated ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is reported like that.

Sri SYDENY A. THOMAS.—How many diamond bore holes are put up ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—One has been put up and we are now opening a 8 feet by 6 feet hole to find out the nature of the ore at lower levels and Government are anxious to see that the ore called Pyrites is worked.

Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS.—What is the length of the trenching put up to find out the distribution of ore body ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Notice.

Power Supply for I.P. Sets in Chitaldrug Taluk (Application pending)

Q.—462. Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of applications for supply of electricity for I.P. sets, for years 1953-54 and 1954-55 in Chitaldrug Taluk;

(*b*) the places or persons from whom applications are received ;

(*c*) how many and which of the applications are still pending sanction and where pending and why ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) 1953-54 ... 94
1954-55 ... 123

(*b*) *Names of Places* :—
Jankonda
Kyadigere
Boggalarangavvanahalli
Kallenahalli
Manangi
Kasavanahalli
Hampayyanamalligo
Golur
Nallighattanahalli
Bommakkanahalli
Madanaikanahalli
Doddasiddavvanahalli
Bagenalu
Jodichikkanahalli
Chicksiddavvanahalli
Hunabevu
Madikerenaikankote
Hayakal

(*c*) One hundred and eleven applications are pending sanction. These are pending at the Office of the Superintendent, Power and Light, Bhadravati. Except for the normal time required for scrutinising the estimate and finalising the same, there is no delay in sanctioning the estimates.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—May I know when these applications were received ?

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—In 1953-54 and 1954-55.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—How is it that some of the applications that were received in 1953-54 and 1954-55 have not been sanctioned ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Out of 94 applications of 1953-54, 88 have been sanctioned and 6 rejected. Out of 123 applications of 1954-55, 111 are pending sanction.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Since how long these 111 applications are pending sanction in the Office of the Superintendent, Power and Light, Bhadravati ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—They are all pending in recent time and the minimum time necessary to investigate and prepare an estimate for submission to Government is taken.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—What is the minimum time required?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Minimum time which is absolutely necessary cannot be standardised. One estimate may take more time and another estimate may take less time. It depends upon the co-operation of the people and the availability of the personnel.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of Government that unnecessary delay is caused in the Bhadravati Power and Light office?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—From the facts that are disclosed, it is clear that with n the minimum time the maximum number of estimates have been sanctioned.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not true from the facts disclosed that unnecessary delay is caused in the Bhadravati Power and Libht office?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—On the face of it it is not.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Shall I take it that because the Bhadravati Power and Light office is under-staffed, these applications are not disposed of?

Sri H.M. CHANNABASAPPA.–Notice.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.–Has it come to the notice of Government that undue influences or malpractices are being practised in this office?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.–Such things have not come to the notice of the Government as yet.

Handloom Weavers (Measures for upliftment).

Q.—601. **Srimathi LAKSHMIDEVI RAMANNA** (Hoskote-Anekal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the action taken by them for the upliftment of cotton, woollen and silk handloom weavers in the State;

(*b*) the amount provided by the Central and State Governments to safeguard the interest of the said Handloom Weavers during the past two years;

(*c*) whether they have got a scheme to send qualified persons who are in this industry for receiving higher education and training in foreign countries with a view to improve the said industry?

A.—**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA** (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Various measures have been taken by the Government for the upliftment of the Handloom Weavers in the State. The following are the important ones:—

1. Exemption of handloom products from the levy of octroi and ground rent in shandies.
2. Conducting demonstrations in the use of new designs and in the use of new appliances for the benefit of weavers;
3. Providing technical assistance to the weavers to adopt improved appliances and designs.
4. Formation of the Mysore State Cotton Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society providing a loan of Rs. 3½ lakhs to the Society in addition to sparing the services of staff from the Department of Textiles and Co-operation and meeting their pay and allowances of nearly Rs. 40,000 from Government funds. Two lorries and the Departmental Dye House are also placed at the disposal of the Society.
5. Establishment of a Handloom Research Centre at Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 30,000.

In addition to the above, the various Handloom Development Schemes financed from the Mill Cess Fund are being implemented. The aims of the Schemes are to organise weavers on a co-operative basis, organise marketing of handloom cloth, increase production by advancing loans to Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies and supply improved equipment free of cost and provide other facilities such as dyeing, etc.

(*b*) The amounts provided by the Central and State Governments to safeguard the interest of handloom weavers